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SUBJECT: THE EC COMMISSION REPORT ON EUROPEAN UNION: INITIAL
COMMENTS

1. THE MISSION IS TRANSMITTING BY SEPTTEL A SUMMARY OF THE EC COMMISSION'S REPORT ON EUROPEAN UNION JUST COMPLETED PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST FROM THE 1972 PARIS SUMMIT MEETING. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS OUR INITIAL COMMENTS BASED ON READING OF THE SUMMARY AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR COMMISSION OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DRAFTING.

2. THE REPORT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREPARED BUT FOR THE REQUIRED DEADLINE. THE DOMINANT VIEW IN THE COMMISSION APPEARS TO BE THAT PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ARE NOT PROPITIOUS FOR BOLD NEW INITIATIVES ON "EUROPEAN UNION" AND IT IS PERHAPS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE PRESS ROUTINELY RATHER THAN BEING PRESENTED BY A COMMISSIONER IN PERSON. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DEBATE WITHIN THE STAFF AND AMONG THE COMMISSIONERS THEMSELVES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS

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OF THE DOCUMENT, WE ARE TOLD THAT IT IS TO BE CONSIDERED

ONLY AS A "CONTRIBUTION TO THE ON-GOING DEBATE AND NOT AS A BLUEPRINT FOR A UNITED EUROPE."

3. THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO BEEN EXTREMELY PRUDENT IN AVOIDING TIMETABLES OR TARGET DATES FOR (A) ULTIMATE EUROPEAN UNION OR (B) INTERMEDIATE STAGES. MOREOVER, THE REPORT--AT LEAST IN ITS SUMMARY VERSION--CONTAINS NO NEAR TERM OPERATIONAL PROPOSALS EXCEPT FOR SEVERAL REFERENCES TO THE NEED FOR EARLY DIRECT ELECTION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. (IT DOES MAKE A PLEA FOR BETTER USE OF THE EXISTING INSTITUTIONS AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE COMPLETE TEXT MAY BE SOMEWHAT MORE SPECIFIC ON CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.)

4. DESPITE ITS GENERALLY LOW-KEY TONE AND PRESENTATION, THE COMMISSION'S REPORT IS NOTEWORTHY IN ONE RESPECT. IT DOES SKETCH OUT THE VISION OF AN EVENTUAL TRUE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT COEXISTING WITH THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND HAVING GENUINE COMPETENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY, ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS, AND SOCIAL POLICY. IT ALSO STATES THE NECESSITY FOR A EUROPEAN UNION'S ULTIMATELY HAVING SOME ROLE IN THE DEFENSE FIELD. EXCEPT FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE IMMEDIATE ACTION IN THE FIELD OF THE EUROPEAN ARMAMENT INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, THE REPORT MAKES CLEAR THAT DEFENSE INTEGRATION SHOULD FOLLOW AND FLOW FROM GENUINE FOREIGN POLICY INTEGRATION.

5. WE EXPECT TO PRESENT FURTHER COMMENTS WHEN THE FULL REPORT AND ADDITIONAL REACTIONS ARE AVAILABLE. GREENWALD

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